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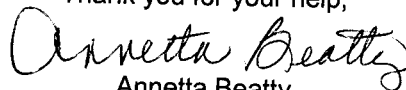
Dear Air Board-

There are far too many more important issues that should have the attention it deserves over the issue of the Potomac River Generating Station. Millions of dollars are simply being wasted by City Council in order to stop the inevitable. Can we afford to do this with our failing economy? I am in support of Mirant's proposed solution for the stack merge that offers better environmental qualities and which has already been approved by none other than the experts at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ).

This plant has safely provided electricity to millions of people and if its owners are willing to spend over \$30 million dollars to ensure air quality to the local community, I say good for them! It is about time someone takes responsibility to ensure the safety of millions while making money. Although this is an old plant, they have already spent millions to upgrade it and it would actually cost more to tear this down here and build another. These are funds, that we living here in this community, hope not to ever have to pay.

My husband and I have been retired since 1994 and we are enjoying this time together. It would be a shame to have to pay more taxes with our income to fund unnecessary projects. I do believe in the safety of our community and understand that every possible step is being taken to ensure the safety as well as the efficiency to which the Potomac River Generating Station is being run. I encourage you to help support their efforts.

Thank you for your help,


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